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NOTICE OF ELEVATED LEVEL OF LEAD IN WATER OUTLETS
STEPHEN DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL

Maryland law (Chapter 386, 2017) requires all occupied public and nonpublic schools, serving children in prekindergarten to grade 12, that receive drinking water from a public utility to test for the presence of lead in all drinking water outlets.

Worcester County Public Schools began the water testing process in elementary and middle schools in January 2019. On June 10 and June 11, 2021, Maryland Environmental Service collected water samples from twenty-four water outlets Stephen Decatur High School.

The testing laboratory, ALS Environmental, forwarded water sample test results to Maryland Environmental Service for the twenty-four Stephen Decatur High School samples taken on June 10th and 11th.

None of the twenty-four water outlets tested above the compliance action level of 5 ppb (parts per billion).

In compliance with Maryland Department of the Environment regulations concerning lead in drinking water, Worcester County Public Schools has taken the following actions:

1. Within 24 hours of receipt of test results, close access to each of the seven outlets.
 - a. Not Applicable.
2. Remove the existing outlet and replace with a new outlet.
 - a. Not applicable.
3. Within 5 school days, conduct a follow-up lead test sampling at the new outlet.
 - a. Not applicable.
4. Follow-up lead test sampling:
 - a. Results in levels less than 20 ppb, no further action required.
 - i. Not applicable.
 - b. Results in levels greater than 20 ppb, install signage indicating water outlet is to be used for hand-washing only.
 - i. Not applicable.
5. Within 10 school days, notify parent or legal guardian of each student attending the school of the school's receipt of the laboratory report.
 - a. Completed 9/10/21
6. Within 10 school days, notify school teachers and other employees of the school's receipt of the laboratory report.
 - a. Completed 9/10/21
7. Within 30 school days of the school's receipt of the laboratory report, notice shall be posted on the school web site.
 - a. Completed 9/10/21

You may access additional information regarding the lead testing program at the Maryland Department of the Environment website: https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/water_supply/Pages/Testing-For-Lead-In-Drinking-Water-Public-and-Nonpublic-Schools.aspx

For additional information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, please visit the Environmental Protection Agency's website: www.epa.gov/lead.

If you are concerned about your child's exposure to lead, please contact your local health department or health care provider to find out how to get your child tested for lead.